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For all alumni and friends of Ohio University



Florida State provost becomes University's 19th president

By Bryan McNulty

The passenger on the flight from Atlanta to Tallahassee noticed the "Robert Glidden" heading on notes being read by the passenger in the next seat, a visitor from Ohio University. It provided a conversational gambit.

"He is a good man," the passenger said. Asked to elaborate, Florida State University Statistics Professor Jayaram Sethuraman replied: "His listening ability and his ability to go for consensus endear him to all faculty."

Robert Glidden, 57, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Florida State University, is the unanimous choice of the Ohio University Board of Trustees to become Ohio University's 19th president, following a six-month search involving more than 100 candidates.

A formal vote to elect Glidden and approve a contract with him is scheduled for the April 23 spring trustees meeting. Glidden is expected to assume duties on July 1. President Charles J. Ping, who has served in that position 19 years, will take a faculty leave for a year and return to Ohio University in the fall of 1995 to teach. (See related story, pages 10-12.)

The characteristics of Glidden summarized by the FSU professor on the plane mirrored comments made Feb. 28 to *The Columbus Dispatch* by Charlotte Coleman Eufinger, Ohio University trustee chair, when Glidden's selection was announced.

"His management style attracted us," Eufinger said. "He is a consensus builder."

Striving for consensus can sometimes mean inability to make a decision. That has not been the case during Glidden's 12 years as FSU music school dean and three years as provost, according to Fred Lysieffer, FSU Faculty Senate president.

"Dr. Glidden has a very consultative type of management style," Lysieffer says. "He will ask for your opinion, get a lot of opinions together, consolidate them and make a decision. He is not afraid to make a decision. Your own views may not be incorporated in that decision, but you come away knowing that you've had a fair hearing."

"I've had a lot of good fights with him, and I know that when I'm finished with a particular topic, a new day starts; he doesn't bear a grudge."

Larry Abele, FSU dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, predicts that the Ohio University community "is going to be thrilled with Bob and René Glidden. It would be difficult to conceive of two more thoughtful, caring people."

It is Glidden's consideration of others that makes him an effective administrator, Abele says.

As an example, Abele describes Glidden's handling of the construction of a new music department performance hall — a project that was running up against money constraints and looming construction deadlines.

"He took, as he always does for his projects, a very close involvement. The construction workers ended up finishing on time, even though he leaned on them constantly to do it exactly right. For performance halls, there can't be any room for error because it will affect acoustics."

"He then invited every construction worker — from the laborer to the manager — along with their wives and children, to a special concert and reception by the School of Music. It was very low-key. Casual dress was fine. Popcorn, beer, soda and pretzels at the reception."

"Many of these families had never been to a concert or even on a university campus before. And it just had an enormously positive impact on all of these people. That is his sort of thoughtfulness: reaching out to people and creating an environment in which they felt comfortable."

Another example occurred in Glidden's first month as provost.

"The bottom had just dropped out of the university's budget," Abele says. New faculty arriving from all over the country were hearing that funding for Florida universities looked bleak.

Glidden took the 40 or so new faculty members and administrators on a five-day bus tour of the state.

"He introduced them to all of our constituencies across the state," Abele recalls. "Alumni groups, booster groups, business leaders, politicians, Chamber of Commerce people."

"I mean this was intense. He would have us out to the bus by 7:30 a.m. and the last function would often end at 11 or 11:30 p.m. He really did a fantastic job getting a mix of people to do presentations. For instance, in Tampa, we had a mid-morning discussion by the chief economic forecaster of the Chamber of

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Glidden's career

Work Experience:
1991-Present Interim, then permanent provost and vice president for academic affairs at Florida State University, a state-supported research university in Tallahassee, that has 28,500 students and 1,526 faculty

1979-91 Professor of music and dean of FSU School of Music

1975-79 Professor and dean, Bowling Green State University College of Musical Arts, interim director of the BGSM Foundation (1978-79)

1972-75 Executive director of the National Association of Schools of Music and National Association of Schools of Art

1969-72 Associate professor of music, director of graduate studies in music and chairman of music education, University of Oklahoma

Education:
 Earned his bachelor's degree with distinction in music in 1958, master's degree in music performance and literature in 1960, and doctorate in music in 1966, all from the University of Iowa

Other highlights:

- Chaired the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation, the Washington, D.C.-based organization that governs accrediting in all fields for higher education

- Appointed to education task forces for the National Endowment for the Arts in 1977 and 1987

- President of National Association of Schools of Music from 1985 to 1988

- Elected to the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

- Served as consultant or evaluator for music programs at more than 60 colleges and universities

- Member of Phi Beta Kappa national honorary and Phi Kappa Lambda national music honor society, of which he served as national president from 1981 to 1985

- Listed in *Who's Who in America* since 1974



Photo: Gilbert Lawton

Commerce and by the mayor's office on what is happening in Florida. Then a big bank group hosted lunch, and these bankers talked about business in Florida, and what universities mean to the business community.

"We were in the middle of a recession and faculty had arrived only to find that salaries were going to be frozen the next year. It was not a happy time. But with these presentations on the trip, the faculty understood the university in a broader context. He just integrated these people into viewing the state of Florida as their home, and into understanding that these are the people they serve as faculty members."

That creativity in leadership was not lost on FSU colleagues: Glidden was the favorite candidate of faculty for the presidency at FSU in recent years. In a move not uncommon in higher education, Florida state regents decided to fill the position from outside the institution. Glidden's leadership skills also were obvious to students, according to Dave Bryan, editor of the *Florida Flambeau*, the independent newspaper for students at FSU and two other Tallahassee schools.

"The general perception among students on Dr. Glidden is a good one," Bryan says. "My understanding is that he has had a good rapport with students. I know that he was endorsed (for president) by several student groups who did endorsements for the race."

A visitor to the Glidden residence in Tallahassee walks along a path landscaped with native undergrowth trees, flowering azaleas and camellias: evidence of the strong gardening interests of Glidden's artist wife, René. (Her presence is also felt in Glidden's FSU office: the two dominant paintings in the office are by René Glidden.)

Walls at the home the Gliddens have owned for 15 years are of dark wood and white stucco, with large windows opening to wooded views on all sides. A massive stereo system dominates the living room, along with a sizable symphonic and jazz CD collection. Glidden earned a bachelor's degree, a master's degree and doctorate in music from the University of Iowa. Although he has put them aside as

his administrative responsibilities have grown, Glidden's instruments were saxophone, clarinet, bassoon and oboe.

"Both René and I find that with our positions on campus, we are very involved in many parts of community life, and we would expect that also to be true in Athens," Glidden says. "René is a stellar member of her garden club and is its current chair. We have been active in our church, St. John's Episcopal Church here in Tallahassee, and we certainly expect to be active in our church in Athens."

Personally, my two primary hobbies are photography and tennis. To tell you the truth, I wish that I could play tennis about three times a week to keep my body in a little better shape. The schedule doesn't afford that: I'm perhaps getting in once a week or once every two weeks. And I do photography mostly when we travel."

The Gliddens have been married 30 years and have three grown daughters: Melissa Lee, who goes by Lisa; Michele; and Briana, the youngest at age 24.

A notable accessory at Glidden's home, office and in his briefcase on trips is a computer and modem.

"Once people get into the habit of communicating by e-mail, you can cut down on a lot of the paper flow back and forth, and you can get an awful lot of things taken care of more quickly," Glidden says. "I think I probably conduct at least 50 percent more business because of e-mail and I get quicker answers from my own staff."

"When I travel, I carry a laptop and before I go to bed at night, I call in to my own computer here and answer my own e-mail so that I don't ever get behind. I find this very convenient. I probably spend an hour to two hours a day responding to e-mail messages, but not much more than that."

So what path led Glidden to the Ohio University presidency?

It started with the kind of education and community interaction one experiences growing up in a small Midwestern farming community.

Glidden was born Nov. 29, 1936 and was raised on a farm in Grand Junction, Iowa, population 1,000.

"Growing up in a very small community, one almost has the obligation to do all sorts of things," he says. "Because if

Glidden joined the Florida State faculty in 1979. Here, he tours the Tallahassee campus and speaks with FSU School of Theatre Dean Gil Lazier (far left) and Rosemarie Cannel, a junior from Long Island, N.Y.



Photo: Ray Stabpard

Glidden family portrait: Robert, wife René and 25-year-old daughter Michele.

you don't participate, there wouldn't be any high school plays and choruses and bands and basketball teams and baseball teams. I did all those things."

Glidden's parents passed along their strong belief in education: both Glidden and his only brother, Harold, went on to doctorates at the University of Iowa. His brother is director of testing and evaluation for the Wichita, Kansas, public schools.

"I was inspired by some professors in college and maybe a teacher or two in high school who made me think that studying and learning for their own sake was worthwhile," says Glidden. "And I was directed on a path toward higher education by having come to believe that that's a terribly important thing in our society.

"I also am concerned about who are going to be the university professors of tomorrow and whether or not we are doing enough today to encourage young people toward lives and careers that will lead them to scholarly pursuits. I hope we are doing enough, but I fear that we are not. And I think that a place like Ohio University is a perfect kind of setting to encourage that kind of future for young people.

"I love universities. I love what they stand for. I love what they do and are supposed to do for a society. Observing that, I felt I could do it better than some were doing it. I don't know why anyone is attracted to leadership goals, other than wanting to make a contribution and believing that you can."

Glidden says that one of the biggest challenges for university presidents today is conveying the missions of their institutions.

"I suspect that Ohio University's alumni are more understanding of the University's mission than some schools, owing in part to its own academic reputation," he says. "I think one thing that needs to be conveyed is the importance of the research mission and the balance of research in the total university.

"If we are going to make progress in this country towards all sorts of goals, whether solutions to health problems, or social problems, or cultural problems, problems between races — any number of issues — it is really university research that is going to lead the way."

Glidden counts himself as a supporter of intercollegiate athletics. Florida State won the Division I-A national football championship earlier this year.

"I think intercollegiate athletics is an important part of the fabric of campus life today," he says. "I've been rather spoiled at Florida State, which has a very fine athletics program. They not only win, they do it cleanly. Particularly at a residential campus such as Ohio University, I think those activities are part of what builds pride in the institution, and I think that is important for students."

On the issue of gender equity, Glidden says that universities should "move as quickly as we can to provide as many opportunities for young women as we provide for young men. The problem we have is balancing the great number of football scholarships — since there really isn't a counterpart to football for women. Other than that, we should be able to match everything equally, and I certainly will be supportive of Ohio University trying to do that."

Glidden says he believes his background in music education offers no special advantage for academic management, but neither is it a hindrance.

"Probably, my greatest advantage is that years ago, being involved with accreditation of music programs on the national scene, I got involved with all levels of institutions, all sizes and types, all across the country. In a sense, that's when I began to learn a lot about institutions of higher education: how they function and where they don't function so well.

"In a sense, my music discipline afforded me the opportunity to learn about institutions of higher education generally.

"I do think, by the way, that sometimes people in the arts and music are underestimated in their ability to analyze problems. In fact, people in the arts are analyzing problems all of the time, and the very nature of the way the arts function is an analysis and solution to problems. If one goes about that systematically, as many artists do, the arts are not bad training for an administrative position."

Glidden is no stranger to Ohio higher education: From 1975 to 1979, he was dean of the Bowling Green State University College of Musical Arts.

From that position, he observed how quickly Ohio University's new president, Charles J. Ping, had made a good reputation in the state. "And I know from observation now what outstanding leadership Dr. Ping has given to the University. I will in no way try to compete; he has his own personality, his own approach to things," Glidden says. "And I have to have my own. I know he will respect that and I hope and trust that people on campus will respect those differences, as well.

"He will be gone a year, but I look forward to his and Mrs. Ping's return to campus. I expect to be leaning on him for advice in the future and I know that he will be helpful."

When Glidden was approached by an executive search firm about whether he wished to be considered for the Ohio University presidency, he decided that this was the time in his career to make the move or remain as provost and professor.

"I expect to complete my career as president of Ohio University. I have no plans for retirement, in that I have not set an age that I intend to retire at," Glidden says. "That's not something I even care to think about yet. I hope to have a long tenure at Ohio University — but I think it probably would not be realistic if I expected as long a tenure as President Ping has had."

Glidden says that Ohio University alumni have been popping up everywhere since the announcement of his candidacy. The day after University trustees offered him the position, he told his physician during a physical exam about the pending move. His doctor told Glidden he had received his bachelor's degree from Ohio University.

"Yes indeed, Ohio University alumni are very loyal and very interested in the University," he says. "I will do everything I can to maintain that. Frankly, I'm invigorated by alumni meetings. I love to tell the story of the university, tell people what's going on and what advancements we're making. I think that is an exciting part of a president's job, so I will consider it not only a priority but a fun part of the agenda as president of Ohio University."

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Kennedy remembered as campus' first major philanthropist



File photo

Edwin L.
Kennedy,
1904-1994

Vice President for Development Jack Ellis called him the first major philanthropist known to Ohio University. Former President John Baker said he was one of the greatest friends Ohio University ever had.

They were talking about Edwin L. Kennedy, AB '26, one of the University's most distinguished alumni who died of natural causes Feb. 7. Kennedy was 89.

"Ed's death clearly marks the end of an era at Ohio University," Ellis said.

Kennedy was a long-time Board of Trustees member and past president of The Ohio University Foundation and the Alumni Association. In 1961, Kennedy and his late wife, Ruth, established Ohio University's first significant endowment, the John C. Baker Fund. Named in honor of his friend, the fund is valued at more than \$1.3 million, and supports distinguished professorships, Baker Research Awards and the Kennedy Lecture Series.

The University's planned Museum of American Art is named after the Kennedys, who donated their multi-million-dollar Southwest Native American Collection to the facility scheduled to open by early 1995. Kennedy also was active as honorary chair of the University's 1804 Fund capital campaign in the late 1970s and as honorary co-chair of the recently completed \$132.7 million Third Century Campaign.

Kennedy, who also received an honorary degree from Ohio University, was named Alumnus of the Year in 1971. He was retired senior partner and managing director of Lehman Brothers, the New York-based investment banking and financial services company.

In 1985, Kennedy was named Volunteer of the Year in Education by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education for his lifelong interest in both public and private higher education.

About 125 people attended a memorial service in Kennedy's honor Feb. 25 in Galbreath Chapel on the Athens campus.

Baltic faculty work with telecommunications school to improve news coverage

Eight communication faculty from three Baltic national universities spent six weeks on the Athens campus winter quarter training with faculty and staff in the University's School of Telecommunications. The project is part of an effort to improve news coverage in the newly democratic, free-market economies of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

The School of Telecommunications sponsored the program with grant support from the International Media Fund and the U.S. Information Agency. The International Media Fund has awarded \$300,000 to establish media training centers at the three Baltic universities. The U.S. Information Agency funded the training and curriculum development program at Ohio University with a \$169,746 grant.

The Ohio University project will equip facilities for radio and television training and incorporate a long-term strategy to help the universities in the former Soviet republics develop new curricula that nurture a free and independent media, said Professor of Telecommunications Don Flournoy, the project director.

"There's been some journalism training in how to develop a democratic media within these countries, but there's been little done in broadcast training," said Flournoy. "The universities have now been asked to train students who can help the new radio and TV stations that have emerged."

While in Ohio, the eight Baltic faculty also visited radio and television stations and video production companies in Columbus and Cleveland.

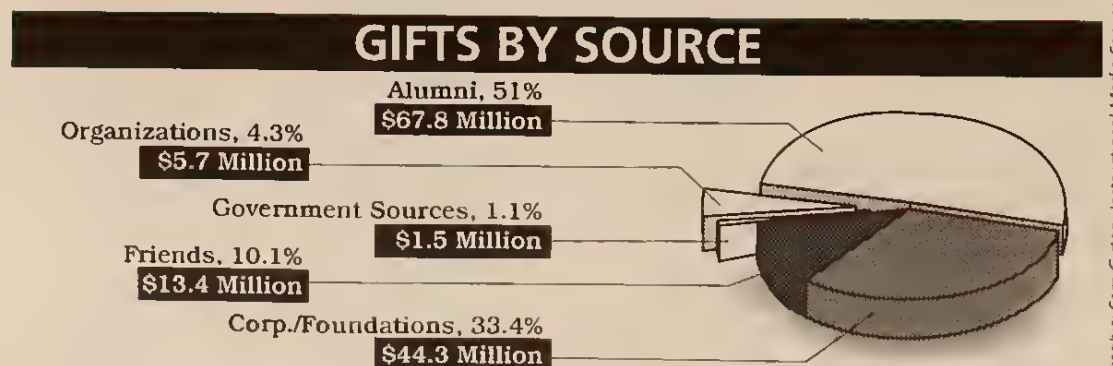
Third Century Campaign concludes with record \$132.7 million total

Outgoing President Charles J. Ping said Ohio University should enter its third century of service financially stable as a result of the Third Century Campaign. The five-year campaign concluded Dec. 31 with a record fund-raising total of \$132,701,311, far surpassing the \$100 million goal.

"This was an incredible outpouring of commitment to the institution," Ping said.

According to Development Office officials, the campaign funded 335 undergraduate and graduate student scholarships, including 31 endowed at the \$100,000 level, and it attracted more than \$22.5 million in computer equipment, software and other technologies. The campaign will fund nine new endowed academic chairs with minimum contributions of \$1 million, and 10 \$250,000 endowed professorships.

More than 39,700 alumni contributed \$67.8 million, or 51 percent of the total,



followed by 2,336 corporations and foundations at \$44.3 million, or 33.4 percent. Cash gifts to the Third Century Campaign amounted to \$56 million, or 42.4 percent of the total, and pledges totaled another \$16.7 million. Deferred gifts — bequests, trusts and insurance — totaled \$40.1 million, or 30.3 percent.

In all, 64,195 individuals and companies donated to the campaign.

Faculty and staff contributions totaled \$3.9 million, \$2.9 million above their goal. More than 63 percent of University employees donated to the campaign.

The University's five regional campuses raised a total of \$5.5 million.

Ohio University's endowment funds are expected to total at least \$100 million within 24 to 30 months, according to Vice President for Development Jack Ellis. The University began the Third Century Campaign in 1988 with endowments of \$56 million, he said. Donors have five years to pay off pledges.

The University's previous fund-raising record was the \$22.6 million raised during the 1804 Fund Campaign of the late 1970s.



Photo: John Decker

School of Dance turns 25

Professor of Dance Madeleine Scott and Rufus Putnam Visiting Professor Douglas Nielsen were among 12 dancers performing the premiere of Nielsen's piece "The Tragical Death of A" during Winter Dance Concert '94, which marked the 25th anniversary of the School of Dance. Nielsen, who has received four fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, recently returned from teaching modern dance in Russia. The School of Dance also hosted the American College Dance Festival for the Northeast Region in late March, which drew about 300 dancers from 20 schools for classes, workshops, and two public concerts.

University among 105 campuses to participate in federal direct loan plan

Ohio University is the only four-year institution in the state and among 105 nationwide selected from 1,100 applicants to participate in the new Federal Direct Student Loan Program.

The program, which begins in July, is expected to result in faster and easier loan processing and reduced rates for financial aid recipients. The program will administer loans directly from the government and eliminate middlemen lenders and guarantor agencies that tack on additional costs.

Ohio University was selected because of its low default rate, participation in the Federal Family Education Loan Program, and an interest in the program that was spearheaded by University President Charles J. Ping, said Director of Financial Aid Carolyn Sabatino.

Keck Foundation grant to boost lab, physics research

Ohio University has received a \$400,000 grant from the Los Angeles-based W.M. Keck Foundation to equip the Edwards Accelerator Lab, and support condensed matter physics and surface science research.

The grant and \$120,000 in matching funds from the University will be used to obtain new instruments for the recently renovated laboratory. The grant will allow researchers to set up a facility to analyze diamond, aluminum and other micro-thin films with potential applications in the telecommunications industry.

Workers in January completed a \$750,000 expansion and renovation of the 12,600-square-foot accelerator and laboratory building. Graduate students and professors in the Condensed Matter and Surface Science Program and particle physics conduct research using the 25-ton, 4.5 million-volt, tandem van de Graaf accelerator.

Campus earns high marks in 10-year accreditation evaluation by North Central

The University earned high marks for its 87 percent freshman retention rate, its planning process and its "effective decentralized administration structure" in a recently released accreditation evaluation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

The 13-person team recommended that the University receive another 10 years of institutional accreditation. The association accredits colleges and schools in 19 states. Ohio University has maintained accreditation since 1913.

Also listed among the University's strengths by North Central were the use of assessment data for intervention and institutional improvement, and the success of the regional campus programs and the Telecommunications Center.

New center, program aimed at aiding teachers and first-year students

University officials announced in January the creation of the Center for Instructional Enhancement and the Freshman Year Experience Program, designed to create an academic atmosphere that supports and retains students, especially through their first year. The University proposed the initiative as an answer to a statewide challenge from the Ohio Board of Regents to strengthen the undergraduate experience.

Plans call for training and support for new faculty and graduate teaching associates beginning next fall; teaching workshops for veteran faculty; programs designed to increase academic involvement by undergraduates through group experiences; and special recruitment efforts in Appalachian Ohio.

Karin Sandell, associate professor of telecommunications, was named director of the center.

In other campus news:

■ The University's College of Engineering and Technology has been named for Fritz Russ, 65EE '42, and his wife Delores. The Russes, major financial contributors to the college, founded Systems Research Laboratories, Inc., in Dayton, a high-tech research firm that employs more than 1,000. The Russes sold the company in 1987. Fritz Russ, a former University trustee, received an honorary doctorate in engineering from Ohio University in 1975.

■ Professor of Physiology Fritz Hagerman has been inducted into the National Rowing Foundation's Hall of Fame. Since becoming the U.S. national rowing team's physiologist in 1968, Hagerman has tested and screened thousands of elite rowers for work capacity, body fat, heart rate and lung function. He has worked at six Olympics.

■ The collection of papers from Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Paul Gapp, 65J '50, have been donated to the Ohio University Libraries' Department of Archives and Special Collections. Gapp, who won the Pulitzer while working as the Chicago Tribune's architecture critic in 1979, died in 1992. The six-cubic-foot collection was donated by his wife, M.J. Gapp.

■ A state-of-the-art Porter Hall reopened for classes in January following completion of an \$8.9 million renovation and addition. The project was completed six months ahead of schedule. The building, which houses the departments of Psychology and Environmental and Plant Biology, is outfitted with high-tech communication links in offices, classrooms and labs.

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Adrie Nab stands by the Nijmegen Bridge in the Netherlands.

Campus participates in 50th anniversary events

Ohio University Vice President for University Relations Adrie Nab has planned with the Dutch government and American officials the participation of Ohio University's Cornelius Ryan Collection in 50th anniversary events marking World War II's Operation Market Garden, the largest airborne invasion in history.

As a child in Holland, Nab survived the Market-Garden battles, which included the capture of the Nijmegen Bridge in the Netherlands by the U.S. 82nd Airborne Division in September 1944. Operation Market-Garden was a daring but failed attempt by the Allies to liberate the Netherlands from the Nazis, sweep into Germany and end World War II early.

Ryan was a war correspondent and author of *The Longest Day*, about the

June 6, 1944 invasion of Normandy; *A Bridge Too Far*, about Operation Market-Garden; and *The Last Battle*, about the fall of Berlin.

Ryan's extensive interviews with everyone from royalty and generals to foot soldiers and civilians fill 12,000 folders in Alden Library's Department of Archives and Special Collections on the Athens campus. They are believed to be the largest archive on these pivotal events outside of official government records.

The Ryan Collection and an Ohio University delegation will be participating in historic commemorations Sept. 14-20 in the Netherlands. Exhibits from the Ryan Collection will be featured in Nijmegen City Hall, Groesbeek Liberation Museum outside Nijmegen, a facility housing exhibits from the 82nd and 101st Airborne divisions; and the Oosterbeek Airborne Museum outside Arnhem.

Ohio University alumni interested in participating in these events should contact Assistant Director Judith Johnson at (614) 593-4300 to discuss itinerary, travel costs and other information.

Veterans should note that Alden Library's Department of Archives and Special Collections remains interested in adding to the Ryan Collection other personal diaries and letters from World War II, and published works after 1974 on these events and the overall war in Europe. Contact George Bain at (614) 593-2710.



Dick Polen (left) and Rick Harrison

Polen, Harrison assigned new responsibilities in Office of Alumni Relations

Richard Polen and Richard Harrison, B.S.J. '82, have been assigned new responsibilities in the Ohio University Office of Alumni Relations, Vice President for University Relations Adrie Nab has announced.

Polen, who has been director of alumni relations since 1988, remains in the office as an assistant to the vice president for university relations. Harrison, associate director of alumni relations since 1989, becomes director.

Nab said Polen's new duties will include "exploring the feasibility" of publishing a new annual alumni magazine, and developing methods to trace "lost alumni" and ways to strengthen domestic chapter programs, an expanding international alumni program, and statewide advocacy programs.

"This new structure will allow Dick Polen to assume greater responsibility for the advancement and development of the

total alumni relations program and to devote more time to major alumni-related programs which need serious attention over the next several years," Nab said. "And Rick is ready for this chance and needs to be recognized for his leadership qualities."

Nab said that Harrison has been particularly effective as an alumni leader since he joined the office as an assistant director in 1985. Harrison has assumed more responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the office.

Richard Lancaster, BBA '80, president of the National Alumni Board of Directors, said the board is pleased with the reorganization.

"These changes highlight Rick's qualities and expand Dick Polen's chances to strengthen the National Alumni Board's relationship with the Office of Alumni Relations, the vice president for university relations and the University itself," Lancaster said.

Polen, a 1968 graduate of West Virginia University, previously was executive director of WVU's Alumni Association for six years. He has served on Ohio University's Third Century Campaign Steering Committee and on the University's Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

Before coming to Ohio University, Harrison was director of alumni development for the Phi Kappa Tau National Fraternity in Oxford, Ohio. In 1989, he received an Outstanding Administrator Award from Ohio University.

From the

Alumni Center

By Dick Polen



One of the most memorable moments in my 18 years of alumni relations work took place a year ago when Charles J. Ping announced to the National Alumni Board of Directors that he had decided to retire as president of Ohio University this June 30.

President Ping's thoughtfulness in sharing his decision with the Alumni Board before making a public announcement was indicative of his interest in and concern for the Alumni Association.

The year has passed in quick fashion. A new president, Florida State's Robert Glidden, has been selected by the Board of Trustees and will begin a new era July 1. But the 19 years of the Ping presidency will live on for years to come.

The University has experienced many periods of greatness — and great presidents — through its nearly two centuries of service. But the careful planning and demanding leadership Dr. Ping provided have led our campus to a new level of excellence.

The proof is in the numbers. Athens campus enrollment has increased an amazing 48.8 percent during the Ping tenure — to 19,076 last fall — largely due to an improved student body and one of the top retention rates in the country. Numerous college guides now have Ohio University rated among America's best college buys.

And by the time he completes his 19th year as president, Dr. Ping will have personally presided over the awarding of more than 73,000 degrees. That figure represents 56 percent of all 130,000 Ohio University alumni.

Traveling around the country to hundreds of alumni events with Charlie and Claire Ping has been a rewarding part of my job. When you spend that kind of time together, you learn a great deal about the measure of the man, from his keen sense of humor to the obvious physical pain in his knees that he never complained about.

At an alumni chapter reception in Atlanta in December, alumna Jennifer Jeffers '87, who worked in the president's home as an undergraduate, introduced Dr. Ping to the crowd. She said she had come to admire "the integrity with which Dr. Ping conducted University business and the skill with which he communicated his ideas and goals for Ohio University. I admired his rare mixture of formidable leadership with a benevolent concern for and interest in all people."

Comments like that make me proud to have known Dr. Ping as a president, leader, mentor and friend. Ohio University will forever carry the stamp of President Ping's distinct and unique influence.

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Dick Polen works in the Office of Alumni Relations as an assistant to the vice president for university relations



Trent and
company
return
'Cats to
top of
the MAC

Gary Trent looks for an open teammate.

By Bill Estep

It was once the Gary Trent story. *Sports Illustrated* came to town in early January and labeled Ohio University's sophomore basketball sensation the "Shaq of the MAC," borrowing the nickname of NBA star Shaquille O'Neal. Dick Vitale praised Trent before a national television audience on ESPN.

But as Trent attracted national notoriety, his teammates struggled. With *SI* and the second-largest crowd in Convocation Center history in attendance, the Bobcats lost a 13-point decision to arch-rival Miami Jan. 8, and found themselves with a disappointing 4-4 record in the Mid-American Conference race by late January.

Questions began to surface over whether this was indeed a one-man team. Sure, Trent was the best player in the MAC — maybe the best to ever wear a Bobcat uniform — but what about the supporting cast? Could guards Chad Estis, Gus Johnson and Geno Ford become consistent 3-point threats? Could 7-foot-2 1/2 center Jason Terry become the shot blocker and inside scorer Coach Larry Hunter and his staff had hoped? How would blue-collar forward and former starter Jeff Boals respond to being benched early in the conference season?

The definitive answers came on the afternoon of March 12 in Columbus in the championship game of the MAC Tournament, again against Miami. With Trent scoring a quiet 22 points — including a 1-for-9 shooting effort in the second half — it was his teammates who stepped forward to lift the Bobcats to their first MAC tourney title and automatic NCAA bid in nine seasons with a 89-66 victory.

Estis, a graduate student and former walk-on, knocked down four of seven 3-point goals on his way to 12 points. Johnson hit two of three from 3-point land. Junior guard Mike Reese scored

14 points, producing off the bench as he had so many times during the season's home stretch. Boals, playing with reckless abandon, scored a key layup late in the game when Miami threatened to cut the lead to single digits.

The Bobcats had a 13-game win streak and were headed to The Big Dance. The Untold Story was about Gary Trent's teammates.

"I've said it before and I'll say it again: Gary Trent is the Michael Jordan of this league, but he has the ability to make everyone else around him play better," said Miami Coach Herb Sendek. "Estis, Ford, Boals and the others are all good players in their own right. Trent, as great as he is, has good players around him."

"Gary knows it and we know it: A lot of guys are capable of contributing, that there are a lot of talented guys on this team," said Estis. "It's not a one-man team. There are times that Gary has carried us on his back, but there were times that other guys got it done."

As the Bobcats made their way to a 25-8 season — one which included the MAC regular-season title and ended with an 84-72 loss to Indiana in the first round of the NCAA East Regional — Hunter said his club developed a special "chemistry" and "assumed their roles and played well within those roles."

Much of the time, their role was to get the ball in the hands of Trent. A 6-foot-7 Columbus native, Trent was a borderline high school student with a troubled past. He admits to selling drugs instead of playing basketball in middle school. His father is expected to be released from prison in May after serving nearly seven years for drug trafficking. Last summer's U.S. Olympic Festival, in which Gary starred on national TV, was the first time Dexter Trent had seen his son play. Gary lived with an aunt during high school in suburban Columbus.

"Growing up, I had to make so many of my own decisions that it made me stronger," Trent said. "Growing up the way I did made me mentally stronger and more aggressive, and I think I carry that aggressiveness onto the court."

On the advice of administrators and coaches at Trent's Hamilton Township High School — including basketball Coach Randy Cotner, an old friend — Hunter recruited Trent when others stayed away. Trent likes to talk about how hometown Ohio State never contacted him. Hunter likes to talk about how Trent achieved the required college test scores and met NCAA eligibility standards within two months after signing with Ohio University.

A two-time MAC player of the year and honorable-mention Associated Press All-American, Trent lifted his game to a new level this season. His shooting range — the main reason why many said he wasn't ready for the NBA — had extended to 3-point range by the end of the season. He led the conference in scoring (25.6 points a game), rebounds (11.4) and one-handed dunk shots.

And as Trent drew a crowd inside with double and triple teaming, he was quick to kick the ball outside to open teammates. "Unselfish" was the adjective most used to describe his play.

"A lot of times, guys have the kind of year he had, they get into the numbers and their ego takes over," Hunter said. "He can put up the big numbers, but he doesn't get caught up in all that."

"And he's at the top of his game in the crucial situations. That's the amazing thing about him. I wouldn't trade him for anyone in the country, because he's got the heart of a lion and he's a great competitor. He's got the personality and leadership ability that raises the play of his teammates."

It was with a collective sigh of relief that Hunter and the city of Athens greeted Trent's official announcement in late February that he would return to school as a junior next season instead of turning pro. With only Estis graduating among this year's top 10 players, Trent is already confidently looking toward next year.

"We've got a strong team, and we'll basically have the same team next year," Trent said. "That could mean another championship."

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Ohio University won three conference championships within a week in early March. Besides men's basketball, the Bobcats also won titles in women's swimming and in wrestling.

Renate Olaisen, a freshman from Norway, led the women swimmers to their sixth consecutive MAC crown. Olaisen captured two individual events and was a member of two first-place relay teams.

The wrestling team won its second straight title, edging heavily favored Central Michigan by six points. Coach Harry Houska's club later finished 20th at the NCAA Championships. . . .

Ohio University women's coach Marsha Reall joined Hunter as the MAC Coaches of the Year in basketball. Reall led the Bobcat women to a 17-11 overall record and second-place tie in the MAC this season. They were eliminated by Western Michigan in the first round of the MAC Tournament.

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By Emily Caldwell

Ohio University is likely to leave its stamp on the American roads and landfills of tomorrow through state-of-the-art research conducted by civil engineering faculty and students.

To advance current pavement and landfill studies, the Center for Geotechnical and Environmental Research recently bought a rare cone penetrometer truck that allows researchers to immediately gauge the conditions of underground soil, water and air.

The truck, equipped with a probe that analyzes characteristics as far as 300 feet below the surface — including the contamination of research sites — is the first in the region and one of only a handful in the country.

Researchers planned to begin using the truck in March on a \$10 million Ohio Department of Transportation highway pavement project. Shad Sargand, professor of civil engineering and associate director of the center, is heading the team of faculty and staff from six universities participating in the study, which will test asphalt and concrete on a three-mile stretch of Route 23 north of Columbus.

The research team will use an instrumentation plan designed by Sargand, embedding sensors in soil, concrete and asphalt to monitor environmental conditions and structural response. Data on pavement strain, pressure, temperature, moisture and frost depth will help engineers improve pavement and highway designs, Sargand says.

"This project will provide federal and state officials with the most comprehensive research data on the performance of pavement," Sargand says. "Our project will be a model for other states."

Ohio was chosen for the project because of its climate and traffic, says Bill Edwards, ODOT engineer for research and development.

"The state represents a large part of the country because our pavements are exposed to wet, freeze-thaw conditions, and we have a high volume of truck traffic," he says.

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Sargand has worked with ODOT on highway testing since 1987, including U.S. 33 in Logan County, Route 2 near Vermillion and U.S. 35 near Gallipolis.

The new subsurface probe also is likely to prove useful for landfill studies conducted at the Center for Geotechnical and Environmental Research. Researchers are studying plastic liners and landfill leachate drainage systems that involve six-inch-diameter polyvinyl chloride and high-density polyethylene pipes.

Though the research is high-tech, it seeks to solve a basic American dilemma: the safe disposal of solid waste production that has more than doubled in less than 30 years.

Solid waste disposal ideas have ranged from burying trash in deep canyons out West to shooting it into space. Though landfill construction is declining, burial of solid waste still is considered the major disposal option for tons of American trash.

The average American generates about four pounds of trash per day, and the average Ohioan collects about five pounds of trash per day. A year's worth of U.S. trash would fill 2,700 10-story football fields, says Gayle Mitchell, director of the Center for Geotechnical and Environmental Research and professor of civil engineering.

According to Mitchell, landfill developers face public opposition and high costs as well as increasingly stringent federal and state regulations.

That's where Ohio University research comes into play. When the studies are completed, civil engineering researchers are expected to develop a design plan for the Environmental Protection Agency that will be used nationally for designing leachate collection pipes, Mitchell says. Leachate is a liquid that forms in landfills when precipitation filters through solid waste.

The pipes being studied form a network that collects and drains the leachate in landfills, and must withstand the heavy equipment used to distribute landfill contents.

Sargand designed a state-of-the-art load frame that allows the center to conduct its advanced research off Dairy Lane in Athens. By using the load frame to simulate varying construction conditions, researchers hope to determine when one class of pipe should be used over another.

The researchers are studying the drainage layer adjacent to the pipe system in landfills and plan to develop design standards that private sector firms can use in their construction of landfills. The studies result from the fact that some drainage systems clog during the biochemical waste degradation process.

Researchers also are examining the performance of plastic liners used in newer sanitary landfills.

With about two years to go before completion of the studies, Mitchell and Sargand already have earned recognition for their research. Their explanation of the procedures in the *Experimental Techniques Journal* was selected this year as the outstanding paper by the Society for Experimental Mechanics. They also plan to write a textbook on pipe design.

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Business professors
Ed Yost (left) and
John Schermerhorn

University ventures back into Vietnam

By Dwight Woodward

When three Ohio University professors toured Vietnam in December, one question surfaced repeatedly during classroom lectures, tours of fledgling businesses or dinner conversations: "When will the U.S. embargo on Vietnam be lifted?"

The answer came sooner than many expected when President Clinton in February lifted the trade embargo with Vietnam. And as the two countries move toward normalizing relations, Ohio University is poised to expand its educational mission in the region.

"Ohio University has an opportunity to renew its long-standing relationship with Vietnam and let it blossom," says Telecommunications Professor Drew McDaniel. "We have a special relationship with Malaysia and perhaps we can establish a similar relationship in Vietnam."

"To my knowledge, there is no other institution who has been working in Vietnam to the extent that Ohio University has."

McDaniel joined College of Business Administration professors John Schermerhorn and Edward Yost on the two-pronged mission to Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon) and Hanoi. They traveled with 17 Ohio University graduate students to Ho Chi Minh City, where the students are conducting projects with fledgling Vietnamese businesses. A water purifying company, a garment factory and a household utensils manufacturer were among the sites visited.

The students from the MARA Institute of Technology in Shah Alam, Malaysia, are completing Ohio University master of business administration degrees. Ohio University has offered academic programs in Malaysia for 17 years, and runs the largest accredited advanced degree business program in Malaysia.

"Vietnam was selected by the students for detailed study because of Vietnam industries' growing importance in the regional economy, especially as partners to Malaysia firms," says Schermerhorn, Ohio University's O'Brien Professor of Management and coordinator of the master's program at MARA. "The visit is expected to establish personal contact with business and government leaders that can be used in future business activities."

"As a result of this experience, the students will better understand Vietnamese business practices and Vietnamese businesses will gain fresh perspective from the students."

The professors presented a workshop on broadcast management for radio and television broadcasters in Hanoi, the capital in northern Vietnam. The session was sponsored by the United Nations' Asia Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development. McDaniel has spent the last 15 summers in Malaysia teaching broadcasting seminars for the group.

McDaniel says contacts established on the trip with Vietnamese government and broadcasting officials are sure to lead to further ties between Ohio University and Vietnam. Yost says another group of MBA students from the MARA Institute probably will return to Vietnam some time in the near future.

For Yost and Schermerhorn, the visit to Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City had a haunting *deja vu* aspect because both had been there during the war. Yost was a U.S. Navy riverboat gunner fighting the North Vietnamese until he was wounded and sent home in 1970. Schermerhorn was stationed at an Air Force base in the Philippines, flying to Vietnam to pick up injured U.S. military personnel and returning them to American hospitals.

"Seeing the former American Embassy in Vietnam was strange, almost ghostly," says Yost. "And being in Hanoi was strange. After all, it was the enemy's back yard."

Ohio University's involvement in Vietnam dates to 1962 when the College of Education began a teacher training project for the U.S. Agency for International Development. A team of six Ohio University administrators and faculty members went to South Vietnam to set up the program for secondary education teachers at universities in Hue and

Saigon. Their mission was to provide methodology for teaching business, education, home economics, industrial arts and guidance counseling.

The project also developed curriculum guides, pamphlets and visual aids, and helped establish pilot junior high and high schools during a 10-year span when Vietnamese secondary schools nearly tripled in enrollment.

When the war escalated with the Tet Offensive in 1968, the American educators' travel was restricted and accomplishing objectives became difficult. The project ended in 1972.

As relations between Vietnam and the United States return to normal, Vietnam will quickly adapt to the ways of the 21st century and end its status as a Third World nation, Schermerhorn predicted. Vietnam's economy continued to decline after reunification in 1975, but it has improved over the past several years with 8 percent economic growth in the south.

"Vietnam is interested in adapting organizational techniques from the rest of the world," McDaniel says. "They know they are very behind the rest of the world, and they are very aggressive economically. They are growing rapidly in a region that is expanding rapidly. They've turned around a disastrous situation."

"Wherever we went, the question was asked, 'When is the embargo going to end?' I never heard the word capitalist or the word communist pass through their lips."

Schermerhorn predicted that the Vietnamese entrepreneurial spirit will help fuel economic growth similar to that of Germany and Japan after World War II.

For Yost, the painful memories of battle and a war remain.

"It's not something you forget," he says. "I lost many friends there, and I have sons named after them. But it's time to put the war behind us."

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The Ping Years

After 19 years as president of Ohio University, Charles J. Ping will be stepping down June 30. Following a year of faculty leave away from campus, Ping plans to return to Athens to teach, and to direct the University's new Ping Institute for the Teaching of the Humanities and the Cutler Scholars Program. The following is a recent interview of President Ping by Bryan McNulty, director of Ohio University News Services and Periodicals.

Q: As you reflect on the past 19 years, what gives you the greatest satisfaction? What do you consider the most important elements of your presidency?

A: My greatest satisfaction is with the way the University has come together to be a community with a deeply shared sense of its mission. That doesn't mean that everyone always agrees but means that there is an unusually strong sense of community and loyalty to mission.

I think that many of the themes that have been important during my years here were already very much part of the life of this institution: its commitment to undergraduate education, to serious engagement with research while maintaining an emphasis on teaching, to internationalizing the University experience. I think the element I added was to repeat these themes over and over, reinforcing them, making sure they had consequences in the decision-making process.

Q: How have students changed over the years?

A: If I start with my own college experience just following World War II and come through the current year, I think I've seen at least three distinct generations of students. When I first came to campus, it was the year of the returning veterans. There was a sense of hurrying to get ahead, which quickly translated into an acceptance of structure and organization. This was a generation characterized on campus as the Silent Generation. They were noisy with their own interests and their own fun, but they were moving ahead, intent on moving up the organization, of becoming the men in the gray flannel suits.

The 1960s gave birth to the Peace Corps, a grand idealistic vision of people dedicating some period of their lives to trying to help others. We had students, black and white, caught up in the civil rights movement, with a sense that they were going to change the world. People boarded buses and went off to Mississippi with the sense that they would change not just people's behavior but people's hearts. There was optimism and confidence. There was no end to growth. We could do all things. We could engage in a war on poverty and build a massive military machine.

Those feelings began to erode with the conflicts within society. They came to focus in the protests over the Vietnam War. The idealism and causes of the early 1960s gave way to the turmoil of the late 1960s. Each would do his or her own thing. This was described as the flowering or greening of America. The South Green is the product of a residence hall designed by the mindset of students in the late 1960s: each in his own room, doing his own thing.

As we moved into the 1970s, the fragmentation of society produced special-interest politics. I think that the silent generation of the 1950s was succeeded by a very noisy generation in the 1960s, and as we moved through the 1970s and approached the 1980s, we began to have a loss of confidence. The no-end-to-growth became a recognition of real limits. The corporation that offered promise to the organization man suddenly was beginning to lay off the organization men. And as we moved into the 1980s, that student generation was characterized as the "me" generation.

I don't believe that "me," meaning selfish or at least self-centered, is an accurate description of this third generation of students. I think the generation of students of the 1980s and now of the early 1990s is anxious and concerned and troubled: anxious about their future, concerned and troubled about their ability to find jobs, prosper, and be



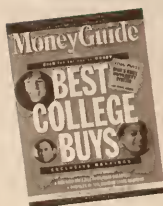
secure. That translates to a very serious preoccupation with schoolwork and a sense that they face a tough and uncertain future. I think they're concerned about their employability, about careers, about economic well-being, about the future of many things that were taken for granted in the 1960s. At heart, I think it is just as idealistic a generation, just as willing to be caught up in causes.

Q: What have been the most important changes in the undergraduate curriculum in the past 19 years, and how are these changes related to the national picture?

A: I think the most important change that has occurred here began in the late 1970s and was put in place in the 1980s: the development of a common core curriculum across all college lines. Ohio University very early was active in that debate.

Over the last two decades, we have developed new professional school programs in health careers — nursing, medicine, physical therapy, and related areas. We have strengthened and expanded professional programs in communication. There's been a flowering of the engineering college. There's been an increase in research activity and in the involvement of students in research activity. We have done some good things in general education, but we're a long way from what ought to be. That's the weakness of the American university. We have not had a coherent educational philosophy in the sense of a common core or a shared learning experience.

The Ping timeline: 19 years of achievement



1975
Charles J. Ping, provost at Central Michigan University, named 18th president of Ohio University. Athens campus enrollment 12,814, regional campuses 4,230

1976
Groveview Hall is first of three former dormitories to be renovated for new College of Osteopathic Medicine. First medical class begins study

1977
Long-range strategic planning process implemented. University Education Plan for 1977-87 adopted

1978
1804 Fund campaign launched, in two years, it will raise \$22.6 million, \$8.6 million above goal. alumnus Paul Stocker's bequest of \$7.5 million for College of Engineering and Technology announced

1979
College of Health and Human Services established, 175th anniversary of Ohio University celebrated, international student enrollment tops 1,000

1980
General education requirements for undergraduates, abolished in 1969, return with beginning of three tiers of required courses. Athens campus enrollment 14,206

1981
University begins to move to selective admissions for freshman class, researchers Thomas Wagner and Joseph Jolick earn international renown for genetic engineering "first" — the transfer of a functioning, inheritable gene from one mammalian species to another

1982
International Studies programs host three national conferences. Razak Char for Southeast Asia Studies endowed for \$480,000, first of three USAID-Ohio University teacher education projects in southern Africa begins

1983
New \$4.4 Aquatic Center built to replace aging Natatorium; an almost 50 percent increase in alumni donations to University drives 12.5 percent gain for year in Ohio University Fund contributions of \$4 million

1984
University receives four awards in Ohio's new Academic Excellence Program, including an Ohio Eminent Scholar in molecular and cellular biology and three of the 22 Program Excellence Awards — in telecommunications, visual communication and Honors Tutorial College

1985
Renovated Carnegie Hall becomes home for E.W. Scripps School of Journalism, which earns state Program Excellence Award, state awards \$3 million grant for Edison Annual Biotechnology Center, Athens campus enrollment 14,961



Ping retires June 30 after 19 years as Ohio University president.

Photo: Stan Kokotajlo

Claire Ping

Campus' first lady 'totally immersed' in her duties

By Peg Black

When Claire Ping came to Ohio University with her husband and two children, she knew what would be expected of her. She had known the wives of other presidents and felt there would be few surprises.

Always organized, she determined she would be more so. She would manage all the demands by always staying in control.

Then came the hectic day when she raced into the house to dress for an alumni reception and made it to the front door just as guests arrived. Halfway through the event, she looked down to see she was wearing two very mismatched shoes.

Such occasional embarrassments, and the schedule that provokes them, have been a part of her life for 19 years. "We have lived Ohio University," says Ohio University's First Lady. "We've been totally immersed in the job."

The "we" bespeaks Claire Ping's approach to the presidency. It is a two-person job. Frequent entertaining is required, and as the University's official hostess, Mrs. Ping has hosted receptions and dinners for faculty, students, parents, famous personalities who have lectured on campus, and thousands of returning alumni.

Traveling with her husband — always a part of the job — increased as the number of alumni chapters grew, more international programs were established, and fund-raising trips increased.

These have been the highly visible activities. Less well known are Mrs. Ping's personal contributions to the Athens community, efforts that have drawn campus and community together, and will have a lasting impact.

Upon arriving in Athens and learning that little was being done to capitalize on the community's historic heritage, she invited several women to help her generate interest and action.

From this initiative came Community Scope, a women's umbrella organization that spawned others with more focused agendas. One, Community Design, Inc., has made restoration of the Athens downtown area a community priority.

Another group formed the Athens Foundation, which is building a growing endowment to support community projects. It, Mrs. Ping believes, will in time "have the greatest impact on the community." An architectural preservation committee targeted



Claire Ping

Photo: John Decker

its efforts to save individual buildings and get historic districts — including the College Green area — on the national register.

Saving The Ridges, the former Athens Mental Health Center and its 700 acres located across the river from campus, has provided the most satisfaction for Mrs. Ping. "We were able to keep the area intact, to keep the state from selling off the land piecemeal," she explains.

Today, all of the buildings and land, abandoned by the Ohio Department of Mental Health, belong to Ohio University. A state capital grant has funded the renovation of a small Georgian auditorium, already in use by University and community groups.

Two other state-funded projects are underway, a \$13.1 million biotechnology and biomolecular engineering research complex and the University's Kennedy Museum of American Art, located in the familiar twin-towered central section of the former state hospital building.

Mrs. Ping says with confidence that the museum — she is on its board — will put Ohio University on the map "in a totally new and very important way... it will grow into something we can be very proud of."

The memories are treasured by Claire Ping. But she looks forward to a "depressurizing year" away from Ohio, then returning and leading a "normal life" in Athens.

"This University and town are pretty special, you have to admit," she says, smiling.

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Peg Black, former director of Ohio University News Services and co-creator and editor of Ohio University Today, retired in May 1992.

Q: Ohio University's retention rate of freshmen returning as sophomores has grown dramatically, from 67 percent in 1977 to 87 percent today. What is the significance of a high retention rate?

A: The retention rate is a good measure of the health of an academic institution. Student retention, persistence to degree completion, is a measurable dimension of the performance of institutions. There are practical funding consequences as well; it increases the funding base of state support. I think it is an important measure of the impact on students and is an indication of students' satisfaction. The longitudinal research data on student satisfaction that we've built up over more than a decade now reinforce that judgment.

Q: How much of this increased retention was a product of deliberate effort?

A: In the 1978 educational plan, we made a judgment. We said we would grow in size only insofar that growth in enrollment was consistent with growth in quality. Our enrollment grew 25 to 30 percent in the 1980s, but we did it in a way that was consistent with growth in quality. We controlled our intake, we became more demanding of students who applied, and we developed admission standards that meant students coming to college were more likely to be successful in college. That, in turn, contributed directly to the retention rate. If we admit students who are better prepared, they're more likely to finish degrees. We've tried

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1986 Avionics Engineering Center receives \$6 million in research contracts from U.S. Department of Transportation, freshman admissions close early, on March 1, due to large number of applicants

1987 Contemporary History Institute wins prestigious MacArthur Foundation Award and attracts University's second Ohio Eminent Scholar endowment award announced the following year

1988 "Toward the Third Century" report adopted as University's Education Plan II; size of campus doubles when former Athens Mental State Hospital grounds and buildings are transferred to University, and consultants are contracted for land-use plan.

1989 University receives U.S. patent for DNA microinjection process for gene transfer; campus receives third Ohio Eminent Scholar endowment award, this time in film, and four Program Excellence Awards.

1990 New Kennedy Museum of American Art and biotechnology building approved, Third Century Campaign announced with more than half of \$100 million goal already pledged, Athens enrollment: 17,600

1991 Ohio University is ranked the best education buy in Ohio and 24th best in the country, according to *Money* magazine's annual "America's Best College Buys" guide, international student enrollment increases 13.8 percent, to 1,445, Chillicothe becomes fifth and final regional campus to join two-way microwave communication system.

1992 Athens campus receives record number of 11,099 applications for freshman class of 3,100. University completes \$700,000 renovation of auditorium, the first major restoration of a building at the mental health center grounds, trustees approve creation of Ping Institute for the Teaching of the Humanities

1993 Retention rate for freshmen returning as sophomores is 87 percent, up from 67 percent in 1977 and one of the highest rates in the country for a public university, Third Century Campaign concludes with

record fund-raising total of \$132.7 million; University's endowments expected to reach \$100 million in two years, up from \$56 million in 1988, Athens enrollment of 19,073 is the largest since 1970, regional campuses: 8,139

1994 Florida State Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Glidden selected as Ohio University's new president, construction begins on new \$24.5 million Ping Student Recreation Center



—By Peg Black

Ping returns to campus as a faculty member in the fall of 1995.



File photo

The Ping Years

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to use institutional research data to look at what we're doing, to try to determine how we might do things in a more effective way.

We've tried to assess student satisfaction; we've tried to assess student involvement. There's a direct correlation between students' involvement in co-curricular activities and degree persistence. The studies we have done suggest that about half of the increase in retention is attributable to admission standards and half to intervention strategies.

Q: What is the importance of the University's growth in graduate education and research, and how do you measure the results?

A: External funding is a very important measure. It says somebody else listened to a description of what is proposed and found it warranted funding. Our external funding of research has doubled in each of the last 10 years. That has translated into support for faculty activity and support for students. It is not possible to have a strong graduate program without strong external funding, particularly in areas like engineering or the sciences where the research involves expensive instrumentation.

Q: Do you agree with the perceived dichotomy between graduate study and undergraduate education — that when one prospers it is at the expense of the other?

A: That usually happens when faculty neglect teaching in the interest of their research. I don't think that's true here. I think our research activity is an important part of student involvement in education. I'm convinced that the future lies in the expansion of graduate education, professional education, and research activity. Ohio University can have a strong, quality undergraduate education in a setting where we have a faculty deeply immersed in serious research. This research, particularly if we can involve students, enhances the undergraduate experience rather than detracts from it. Research can detract from undergraduate education if done at the expense of the undergraduate student, but I don't think that is true here.

Q: The two multi-year campaigns built the University endowment from \$3 million to more than \$90 million. Why is the growth of private funding important?

A: First of all, we can't raise money if people do not have confidence in the University and believe it has a future. Private funding for a public university is — I've used the phrase so often it's become a cliché — the margin of difference. We have roughly the equivalent of a \$2 billion endowment coming to this institution each year in state support for both operations and building. We get that figure by assuming a 6 percent return on investment. We have about \$100 million in operating support and about \$120 million when we add in capital support. That's a very large endowment, so we're assured of survival.

How do we make ourselves a distinctive public institution? How do we have unusual quality and strength? We do it by the careful management of our resources and with private funding to supplement the base provided by the state. In the next fiscal year, 1994-95, the private Ohio University Foundation endowment will pour about \$5 million dollars into a variety of things from endowed chairs to scholarships. In an annual expenditure budget of \$300 million, \$5 million is not large. But it makes a large difference in our life. These dollars from private sources will support reform of undergraduate education and the effort to enhance research activity.

Beyond the dollars, through our two fund-raising campaigns we have raised the interest and the commitment of a great many people. We had 63,000 individuals and corporations contribute to the Third Century Campaign. That's a living endowment for the third century of the University.

Q: How does this relate to Ohio University's 130,000 alumni?

A: I think many of the things we have been talking about — retention, funding for research and strengthening of graduate programs, the development of facilities — are measures of the health and strength of the institution. That should be a sense of pride for alumni and a sense of promise for the future. I think it enhances the value of an Ohio University degree.

Q: What do you believe are the greatest challenges facing your successor?

A: I think there are several obvious challenges, some internal and others external. Internally, one is the continued effort to look at what we do and try to make it better. That's a continuous process of assessment, a continuous process of reform. We need to continue to focus on the analysis and reform of undergraduate education. I think there will be a steadily growing need to look hard at priorities and to make those judgments that are the necessary condition of having quality. And we have to squeeze every dollar that we have so we use wisely and well the resources we command.

Externally, there are two major challenges. I think the biggest disappointment for me looking back over two decades of trying to influence public understanding and support of higher education is that we have lost ground in legislative appropriations. The president of Ohio University and the other presidents in the state must address the issue: How do you build public confidence, public understanding, a public sense of the importance of education so that it translates into legislative support?

Involving people is part of the challenge of building private support. There were some 900 people across the country actively involved as volunteers in the Third Century Campaign. There were thousands upon thousands of people making contributions as they were able. How do we keep these people active and committed to the University? How do we use the campaign as a platform to build on?

Q: What are your plans for the next year? What will you be doing when you come back to the campus in the fall of 1995?

A: I will be on professional leave throughout the next academic year. I will spend the year reading and doing structured interviews focusing on the role of the university in contemporary society. Is that role changing, and if so, in what ways? During much of next year, I will focus on a subset within that broader question: What is the role of the university in the less-developed countries, like Botswana and Namibia?

I've applied for a Fulbright research appointment, and, if granted, will use that support to spend much of the year in southern Africa. Then I will return to the campus in the fall of 1995 to teach full time, both in the Philosophy Department in the College of Arts and Sciences and in the Higher Education Program in the College of Education.

Also, I'll help establish and be an active participant in the Ping Institute for the Teaching of the Humanities. By the determination of the donors, I will occupy one of the endowed professorships in that institute. I will also put much of my energy into helping to put in place the Cutler Scholars Program. In the fall of 1995, if all is on schedule, we will admit our first group of Cutler Scholars. Those numbers will grow, I hope, over the next decade. As the program develops, it will have a very strong impact on the campus, student life, and the University's ability to serve the state and nation.

Of Interest to Alumni

Nancy Burton, news director for Ohio University Public Radio and Television, and husband Hub, assistant vice president for university relations, enjoy the University bike path more often with new lights that make it accessible after work. The Class of 1992's gift of \$12,000 provided the impetus for a four-stage, \$160,000 lighting project on the path along the Hocking River. Seventy lights stretching three-quarters of a mile had been installed as of this winter.

Photo: Tahra Makinson-Sanders



Outstanding Alumni Chapter Awards include three repeat winners

Six alumni chapters have been selected as outstanding chapters of 1993 by the National Alumni Board of Directors. The four chapters selected in Division I (more than 1,000 alumni in the region) were the Central Ohio Chapter, Greater Cleveland Chapter, Greater Dayton Chapter, and the Women's Club of Greater Cleveland. The two chapters selected in Division II (fewer than 1,000 alumni in the region) were the Cleveland Black Chapter and Houston Chapter.

The Central Ohio Chapter won the award for the third time. The chapter offers diverse programming for one of the fastest-growing alumni areas. New programs include a golf tournament, white water rafting trip, and sponsorship of a softball team. The current president is Rebecca McInturf '78, and immediate past president is Bill Righter '77.

This marks the fourth time the OU Women's Club of Greater Cleveland has won the Outstanding Chapter Award. Under a unique structure, the Women's Club has four regional groups that meet on an ongoing basis. The chapter has funded more than 100 freshman scholarships and several upperclass grants. The president is Catherine Cornett Fischer '57, and immediate past president is Barbara Weiss '65.

The Greater Dayton Chapter picked up its fourth Outstanding Chapter Award in 1993. Annual events like the St. Patrick's Day party and the summer steak fry continue to be a success and a new event, the Admitted Student and Parent Reception, attracted 600 people. The chapter's Dayton Telethon raised more than \$13,000 in University pledges last year. Chapter president is Karen Emery '84, and immediate past president is Lois Goldberg '82.

The Greater Cleveland Chapter deserves special recognition because 1992-93 marked the renaissance of a group that had been inactive for more than five years. Through the efforts of a

core group of 20 people, more than 700 alumni attended seven sponsored events. Nearly 300 alumni responded to a membership drive conducted last spring. The chapter also adopted a local social service agency. The president is Nadine Lomakin '76.

Happy hour parties, pre-game socials, and a spring celebration dinner with President Charles J. Fung were just a few of the events sponsored last year by the Houston Alumni Chapter. The chapter's phonathon attempts to contact every alumnus living in the area. Chapter president is Kathy Bush-Soule '81.

Only a year old, the growing Greater Cleveland Black Alumni Chapter was recognized for offering programs that benefited the community and strengthened communications between alumni and the University. A membership drive resulted in 75 dues-paying members. The chapter held an African-American student recruitment fair in conjunction with the Admissions Office, and it is raising money to establish a student scholarship. The immediate past president is Ferne Ziglar '71.



Jacqueline Moran
Defazio,
BS&D '61

Fighting for gender equity in the classroom

A product of the women's movement of the 1970s, Jackie Defazio now finds herself fighting for women's rights in the classroom as president of the 130,000-member American Association of University Women.

"What attracted me especially was the AAUW's advocacy for women in education — to begin with in higher education — and now in elementary and secondary education, too," Defazio says. "I became committed to what the organization was doing in education and equity issues."

Defazio, the assistant principal for instruction at Glenbard East High School in Lombard, Ill., was elected to a two-year term as AAUW president last summer. She has been an active member of the organization for 25 years, serving as president of

the Wheaton-Glen Ellyn, Ill., branch — one of 1,800 AAUW chapters nationwide — president of the Illinois AAUW, and as a delegate to every AAUW convention since 1971.

Defazio spends most weekends traveling now, visiting the AAUW's national offices in Washington, D.C., and AAUW state affiliates. She served on the task force that planned the AAUW's Initiative for Educational Equity, which was launched in 1990.

The initiative has brought the AAUW national attention for three studies released to date, including "Shortchanging Girls, Shortchanging America" on the difference in self-esteem among boys and girls in middle school and high school; "The AAUW Report: How Schools Shortchange Girls"; and "Hostile Hallways: The AAUW's Survey on Sexual Harassment in American Schools."

According to Defazio, the AAUW has been active in promoting legislation before Congress that would make it possible to use federal funding for gender equity programs. Funding would be used for women's staff development, combating sexual harassment in the workplace, and promoting math and science education for women.

The AAUW Education Foundation recently received a \$500,000 grant from the Kellogg Foundation to establish community-based gender equity programs in 10 urban school districts

throughout the United States.

Defazio says she came to Ohio University in 1957 "because I got a Paul and Beth Stocker Scholarship — money was an issue, and the scholarship was the deciding factor." She met her husband, Frank (BSCE '61), sharing rides back and forth from Elyria to campus, and majored in English.

"I feel very good about my OU education," Defazio says. "It has served me well."

After more than 20 years in the classroom teaching in Colorado and Illinois, Defazio entered administration about three years ago. She earned a master's degree in curriculum and supervision from Roosevelt University in Chicago.

Defazio lobbied community groups and legislators as a part of the unsuccessful movement to get the Equal Rights Amendment ratified in Illinois in the mid-1970s to early 1980s. On issues of gender equity in the schools, the struggle continues, Defazio says.

"We haven't come as far as we would like to," she says. "Girls are lagging farther behind. The group doing better in verbal and reading skills is men, while women are showing a small improvement in math scores and no improvement in sciences. We have made some gains, but not enough."

— By Nancy Roe

Chaddock, Herraiz receive Recent Graduate Award

Winners of the Alumni Association's Recent Graduate Award this year are Jeffery Chaddock, BSC '88, and Paula Herraiz, BS '97, MEd '89. The awards are given to graduates of the past 15 years who have an active interest in Ohio University and have become leaders in their communities, and/or have shown that an Ohio University education has been a factor in their career success.

Chaddock is a graduate of the College of Communication's School of Communication Systems Management. He is a personal financial planner for IDS Financial Services, Inc., in Columbus, where he is in the top 5 percent of the sales force.

Chaddock is a financial supporter of the campus chapter of Students in Communication Management. He has established two \$1,000 scholarships for communication systems management majors.

Herraiz is executive director of The Renaissance retirement community in the Cleveland suburb of Olmsted Township.

Herraiz maintains a close relationship with the College of Health and Human Services by providing field experience and internships for students enrolled in the Health Administration Program.

Six honored with awards for distinguished service

The Alumni Association's Distinguished Service Award honors alumni and friends involved in alumni activities, alumni chapter leadership and the constituent societies. This year, six alumni were chosen for the awards. They include:

Jeffrey E. Brehm, BSJ '81. Brehm has been affiliated with the Fairfield County Alumni Chapter for more than five years, and served as its president from 1991 to 1993. He has volunteered to handle publicity for the chapter, setting up organizational meetings and helping to plan scholarship golf tournaments.

Samuel D. Greiner, BSME '55. He has served on the College of Engineering and Technology's Board of Visitors for more than 13 years. He was a member of the college's Major Gifts Committee for the Third Century Campaign, and he chaired Project '85, which raised \$4.5 million to equip Stocker Center. Greiner is a past recipient of the Medal of Merit, the Alumni Association's highest honor, a member of the William Scott Circle of the Trustees' Academy, and was an active member of the National Alumni Board of Directors from 1987-90. A former athlete, Greiner has continued to support student-athletes and has helped to organize a number of football team reunions.

Kathy Bush-Soule, BSHSS '81. She has been an active member of the Hous-ton Chapter since moving to Texas in 1982. Currently coordinator/president, Bush-Soule has participated in every program sponsored by the chapter and helped to ensure high-quality, well-attended events. She helped attract a \$250,000 software grant from Synergy Technology for the University's Institute for Local Government Administration and Rural Development.

Margaret (McClintock) Thompson, BSED '74. Thompson has worked with the Dallas/Ft. Worth Chapter for 10 years and is known for her thoroughness with leadership responsibilities. She joined then-President Mark Owens to help revitalize the chapter in 1986. Thompson

went on to become president of the chapter, which now sponsors several events each year. She has returned to Athens several times for leadership conferences and a sorority reunion.

Don Voelker, BSME '52. He is past president of the National Alumni Board of Directors and has been an active member of local alumni chapters. Recently, he was selected as a trustee on the Ohio University Foundation Board. As regional chair of the Third Century Campaign, Voelker and his wife, Marge, traveled to 13 cities throughout the United States for campaign kickoffs. Voelker also served on the College of Engineering and Technology Major Gifts Committee, and is a William McGuffey Fellow of the Trustees' Academy.

Virginia Welton, AB '68. She has been with the Greater Dayton Chapter for 17 years, serving as secretary, president and as a member of nearly every chapter sub-committee. Her chapter work includes helping to organize the incoming freshman reception and Siblings' weekend bus trips, and serving as a volunteer fund raiser in the Dayton area. Welton served on the National Alumni Board of Directors from 1987-90 and on the College of Arts and Sciences' Alumni Advisory Council from 1991-93. She is a member of the Trustees' Academy.

Alumni scholarships cover summer school tuition

The National Alumni Association is offering two summer scholarships for Ohio University graduates who have been away from college for more than three years and are interested in improving their career skills.

The full cost of up to 18 hours of summer coursework at either the Athens or regional campuses is covered by the scholarship. Financial need is considered.

April 30 is the deadline for applications. They're available from the Alumni Association by writing to Summer Scholars, P.O. Box 869, Athens, Ohio 45701-0869, or by calling (614) 593-4300 or (614) 593-4310 (FAX).

Roll call undertaken for all Marching Band members

To help compile a complete record of alumni, past members of the Marching Band or the Marching 110 are asked to fill out the following form and mail to Alumni Information Services, P.O. Box 869, Athens, Ohio 45701-0869.

name	
address	
city	state/zip
phone/home	work
class/year	social security number
type of involvement	

Alumni chapter news

California

The Arsenal Hill Show became a Bobcat haven as 35 alumni from the **Greater Los Angeles Chapter** took up a large block of seats at the Dec. 2 show. Monroe Slavin '77 coordinated the event.

District of Columbia

Alumni from the **National Capital Chapter** came out to support the Bobcat football team against University of Virginia Oct. 2 in Charlottesville. More than 100 alumni attended the game and the tailgate party, organized by Scott Kahn '83. The chapter reunited for happy hours at Lula's Oct. 7 and Nov. 18. The chapter hosted a reception Nov. 11 at the home of the Malaysian Ambassador in honor of outgoing President Charles J. Ping. More than 100 people attended the reception, where the chapter presented Ping with a flag that had been flown over the U.S. Capitol in his honor.

Florida

Activities honoring President and Mrs. Ping's hard work and dedication took place throughout Florida in early December. The Pings were the **Florida Suncoast Chapter's** guests of honor Dec. 3-4 at a cocktail reception at Donn Roll Galleries and a luncheon at The Field Club in Sarasota. The events were coordinated by Dick Creps '44 and Leona Hughes '30, and attracted 100 alumni on Dec. 4. The Pings journeyed to the **South-east Florida Chapter**, which hosted a dinner in their honor at Cecothree Bay House in Naples, La. Baskind '90 coordinated the dinner. Their final stop was a luncheon sponsored by the **Gulfcoast Chapter** on Dec. 5. Ernie Mariani '43 coordinated the event.

Georgia

The One Ninety One Club served as the site for the Atlanta and the African-American Alumni of **O.U.-Atlanta**

Chapter's reception in honor of the Pings Dec. 2. Sixty people attended the program, including Richard Polen and Alumni Relations Assistant Directors George Held '90, '91 and Julie Barone '87. Steve Hill '91 and Tom Hill '85 organized the event.

Illinois

The Halloween spirit came alive at the recently reorganized **Chicago Chapter's** Halloween T-Gift Party Oct. 29. More than 60 alumni, headed by event organizer Kim Vandegriff '89, relived Athens' Court Street festivities with appetizers and drinks at the Alumni Club.

Massachusetts

The **Massachusetts Chapter** enjoyed an evening of the Boston Ballet Nov. 6. A social was held at Benning's before the performance at the Wang Center, where the Ballet Volunteers Society gave alumni a backstage tour. Andy Nelson '85 coordinated the event.

Missouri

The **St. Louis Alumni Chapter** hosted a family gathering and pot-luck dinner Oct. 2 at the home of Al '02 and Debbie Pease. Twenty alumni attended the dinner and business meeting.

New York/New Jersey/Connecticut

Thirty-five members of the **New York-New Jersey-Connecticut Chapter** enjoyed singing by the Ohio University Men's Glee Club on Nov. 30 at Christ and St. Stephen Episcopal Church in Manhattan. McKinn's Restaurant in New York City hosted the chapter's annual dinner Dec. 3. Marcia Benjamin Mitchell '64 organized the event.

Ohio

A holiday open house brought together members of the **Athens Chapter** on Dec. 12. More than 150 people attended the event, where the admission cost wasn't cash, but a canned good.

The **Alkron Association of University Women** ventured into the past when they visited the Barbours Library's Historic Room Nov. 6. Priscilla Taylor, head of the Historical Department, discussed both Barbours and Ohio's history with the 27 people who attended. And more than 30 alumni gathered for a Christmas luncheon, complete with a performance by the Stow High School Madrigals Chorus, Dec. 4. Both events were coordinated by Marilyn Binkley '66.

Miami Alumni and Bobcats from the Central Ohio Chapter met Oct. 21 for the 14th annual OUI-Miami pre-game. More than 115 Bobcat alumni attended. Alumni Relations Director Rick Harrison '82 and Alumni Relations Intern Brad Koska '94 also attended. The event was coordinated by Rebecca McInturf '78. Alumni gathered Dec. 12 for a buffet-style brunch followed by a trip to the Ohio Theater to see the Nutcracker Suite. Event organizer was Jim Fowler '84.

Alums from the **Cincinnati and Dayton chapters** united before the OUI Miami game Oct. 23 for a pre-game at Skipper's Pub in Oxford. About 65 alumni attended the event, which was coordinated by Chuck Dyas '81 and Lois Goldberg '82.

The **Greater Cleveland Chapter** opted for a Halloween bash at the Harbor Inn in the Flats instead of the Athens Court Street party Oct. 28. A large number of alumni enjoyed the event, organized by Nadine Lomakin '76 and Kristina Mucha '90. The chapter, in conjunction with the Office of Alumni Relations Career Services and various OUI colleges, also sponsored a Career Networking Night at the Holiday Inn in Independence.

A fall luncheon drew 37 members of the **Cleveland Chapter of Ohio University Women** Nov. 6 to Summy's Restaurant, which is owned by alumna Denise Fugo '75. Mickey Montesano '58 organized the event.

A Holiday Gala and Dance brought members of the **Greater Cleveland Black Alumni Chapter** out to enjoy a three-course dinner and dance at Swings at the Slater.

Golden Anniversary Reunion for Class of '44 May 13-15 to include variety of events

Members of the Class of 1944 are invited back to Athens and alma mater May 13-15 to relive and reminisce about their years at Ohio University. This year's expanded program will invite graduates from the classes of 1945 and 1946. Weekend activities will include a welcome reception, special memorabilia displays, campus tours, and a presentation on the Cornelius Ryan Collection (page 6). The weekend will conclude with a walk down memory lane at the Golden Anniversary Banquet, where members will be inducted into the Golden Alumni Society with a certificate and gift from the Alumni Association. Class members are asked to make hotel reservations today by calling the Ohio University Inn at (614) 593-6661. Be sure to mention that you're a part of the Golden Reunion.

Nifty Fifties Reunion scheduled for Sept. 16-18

Members of the classes of 1950-53 will return to campus for a special reunion Sept. 16-18 to recall the days they spent in Athens during the early Baker years. Activities will include walking tours of campus, presentations by professors, a Bobcat football game against Utah State, a reception with Ohio University's new president, and a reunion banquet. Details of the weekend will be sent throughout the year to alumni in the classes of 1950 through 1953 with correct addresses on file with the Alumni Association. Rooms have been set aside for the reunion at the Ohio University Inn, (614) 593-6661, and the Days Inn, (614) 592-4000. Tell the hotels you're with the alumni reunion group. Alumni with suggestions for reunion activities are asked to contact Rick Harrison at Konneker Alumni Center, P.O. Box 869, Athens, Ohio 45701-0869, (614) 593-4300.

Seven inducted into 29th Athletic Hall of Fame class

Four All-Americans and former men's basketball Coach Danny Nee are among the seven members of the Ohio University Athletic Hall of Fame's 29th class. Inductees also include James Albert, BS '69; the late John Hrasch, BSC '51; Sherman Lyle, AB '73; Roger Pedigo, AB '53; Frank Peters, BSED '68. MED '71; and Robert Tatum, BSC '86.

Albert rushed for 707 yards and totaled 12 touchdowns in leading Ohio University to the Mid-American Conference football championship and Sun Bowl berth in 1963. He owns a State Farm Insurance Agency in Palm Harbor, Fla. Hrasch, a shortstop who was killed in a 1952 auto accident, in 1950 became the first Bobcat baseball player named first-team All-American by the American Association of College Baseball Coaches. He was a .371 career hitter.

Lyle was a three-time All-Mid-American Conference selection in soccer and earned All-American honors in 1973. He is director of training for a chicken fast-food franchise in the Miami area.

Pedigo led the Bobcat golf team to the conference championship in 1952 as medalist of the tournament, and he was conference runner-up in 1950. He is now an investigator with the Athens County Common Pleas Court Juvenile Division. Peters, an offensive tackle, was co-captain and an honorable mention All-American his senior year in 1968 on a team that went 10-1 and played in the Tangerine Bowl. He is now part-owner of a family farm in Lockbourne, Ohio.

Nee, now the basketball coach at the University of Nebraska, led the Bobcats to four consecutive 20-win seasons, two MAC Tournament titles and a regular-season championship from 1983 to 1986.

Tatum ranks as the seventh-leading scorer in Ohio University men's basketball with 1,348 points. An honorable mention Associated Press All-American pick in 1985-86, he is a loan counselor at Bank One in Westerville.

17th Annual Alumni College Program

The Alumni Association Top 10 List on Why You Should Attend Alumni College This Year:

You'll rediscover what made you love Athens and Ohio University.

You and your children will see old friends and make new ones.

Swimming, golf, fitness programs, summer theater, social hours, discussion sessions, creative arts, and more!

Getting to Athens is the hardest thing you'll have to do for three and a half days.

Your room is air conditioned (not the way it was when you were a student).

You'll find no better "buy" for a vacation anywhere this year.

The cafeteria food is actually good

The professors and instructors are all interesting, entertaining, and well prepared

You will not be graded on your performance.

No curfews or 8 a.m. classes

Mark your calendar for July 14-17 as the Ohio University Alumni Association once again sponsors its summer Alumni College program. You won't want to miss what *Columbus Monthly* calls "a family get away that is a learning experience for all ages." Now in its 17th year, Alumni College is a 3 1/2 day educational and recreational program designed to give alumni and

friends another taste of college life. At \$200 per adult and \$150 per child, Alumni College is a summer bargain. Fees cover residence-hall lodging, meals, instruction fees, recreation costs, tuition and entertainment.

A sampling of faculty speakers and their topics this year include: Robert Trevas, philosophy, on "Current Issues in Sex and Love," Thomas Wagner, biotechnology, "Life Processes and Medical Therapies;" James Barnes, political science, "The European Community;" James Bruning, psychology, on "The Names We Give Our Children," and Delysa Brunier, political science, on "Clinton and Our Cities."

Recreational and optional programs will include golf, fitness workouts, a cooking demonstration, and sessions on estate planning and domestic animal care. Participants also can attend the Ohio Valley Summer Theater's performance of "The Man of La Mancha."

Participants are invited to enroll their children, ages 6-12, in the Junior Alumni College Program. The program includes both daytime and evening activities with adult and student counselor supervision, including arts and crafts, swimming, tennis, nature hikes, and a local field trip.

Those who attend Alumni College are housed in air-conditioned Wray House on New South Green and eat most of their meals in Nelson Commons. There are daily social gatherings.

A brochure with full information is available by writing: Alumni College 1994, Ohio University Alumni Association, P.O. Box 869, Athens, OH 45701-0869

Constituent societies

Attending from the University were Rick Harrison '82 and George Reld '90, '91. A crowd of 175 attended the event, organized by Valerie Biggs-Hill '78.

Holiday Inn-Lakeside was the sight for the **Ohio University Cleveland Mothers Club's** fall meeting Oct. 19. Thirty-five people attended a luncheon and panel discussion featuring University officials. The event was organized by Irene Zand.

An appearance by President Ping highlighted the **Greater Dayton Chapter's** Annual Fall Dinner Nov. 17. About 100 people attended the dinner, which was held at the Mandalay Banquet Center and was organized by Karen Emery '84. About 250 alumni attended a reception for the OU/Wright State basketball game Dec. 22. The event was organized by Kevin Bressler '82.

Members of the **Mansfield "Heart of Ohio" Chapter** met Nov. 9 for their annual dinner with guest speaker Adrie Nab, vice president for university relations. The event, coordinated by Ann Beeman '81, brought together 50 alumni and friends.

The Marching 110 performed Sept. 25 at a pre-game mixer before the Bobcats' football game in Toledo. A crowd of more than 300 attended the mixer, which was held at Arnie's Saloon and sponsored by the **Toledo Chapter**. Earl Apgar '66, '67 coordinated.

Texas Members of the **Houstoo Chapter** ventured to the Houston Astros-Cincinnati Reds game July 28. A large number of alumni attended a pre-game event at the Holiday Inn Astrodome, as well as the game. Several alumni also attended the Homecoming '93 Tailgate Party and Open House on Oct. 16. Pauline '46 and Jim Rucker, who received an Honorary Bobcat Certificate that day, hosted the event in their home. Alumni collected toys, clothing and food for charities.

The College of Health and Human Services' Society of Alumni and Friends is calling for nominations for new Society Board members. A number of seats are open for election at the spring board meeting, due to founding board members completing terms and the School of Health and Sport Sciences splitting into two schools.

Open seats (including the number) are in the School of Health Sciences' programs in long-term care administration (1) and health education (1); School of Hearing and Speech Sciences (1); School of Human and Consumer Sciences' programs in fashion and retail merchandising (1) and foods and nutrition (1); the School of Nursing (2); and School of Recreation and Sport Sciences' programs in athletic training (1), physical education (1), and sport sciences (1). Contact Lee Cibrowski, CHHS board liaison, with nominations, at 014 Grosvenor Hall, Athens 45701.

The Communication Society of Alumni and Friends participated in two career networking receptions over winter break. The Cleveland-area reception, coordinated by the Greater Cleveland Alumni Chapter, was held Dec. 7 at the Holiday Inn in Independence, and the Columbus-area reception was Dec. 13 at the Hyatt Regency.

Society board members joined key alumni on campus March 5 for a "Showcase Saturday," which highlighted each school in the college.

The College of Business Administration's Society of Alumni and Friends Board of Directors and the college co-sponsored an alumni reception Jan. 27 at the Hyatt on Capitol Square in Columbus. Alumni and parents of currently enrolled students attended and met new CBA Dean C. Aaron Kelley. He and his staff gave updates on University and college activities.

At their fall meeting Oct. 1-2 in Athens, the board selected four recipients of its Award for Achievement in

Business. They are William C. Byham, BS '58 and MS '60, president and CEO of Development Dimensions in Pittsburgh; Jerome S. Mann, BFA '56, president of House of Seagram in New York City; Michael J. McMennamin, AB '67, president, Banc One of Columbus; and Philip F. Muck, BSCOM '62, president, treasurer and CEO of Munroe, Inc., of Pittsburgh. They will receive their awards April 22 at the college's annual Spring Awards Banquet in Athens.

Board members also attended the college's first alumni networking reception held Dec. 13 in Columbus. About 200 students and alumni attended the event, co-sponsored by the College of Communication and the Alumni Relations Office.

Four seats on the Society of Alumni and Friends' board will be filled at its meeting April 22-23 in Athens. Alumni interested in serving on the board should contact Susan Downard, assistant to the dean-external relations, at (614) 593-2003.

The next CBA alumni reception will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. May 5 at the Duquesne Club in Pittsburgh.

The School of Music Society of Alumni and Friends Board of Directors' annual meeting will be held May 21 in Baker Center. An honors banquet and the School of Music Honors Assembly will follow the business meeting. Donna Brink Fox '75 will receive the society's Achievement in Music Award for her accomplishments in early childhood music, and retired professor William Brophy will be honored with an In Appreciation Award. Those wishing to attend should write Margene Stewart, School of Music, 440 Music Building, Athens 45701.

The school's Society of Alumni and Friends is planning an alumni reunion in May 1995 to mark the group's 10th anniversary. Other dates to remember: May 1 is the deadline for the board of director nomination and Nov. 1 is the deadline for 1995 awards nominations.

People



Robert C. Kinney, BSED '31, MA '35



George V. Voinovich, AB '58, LLD '81



Richard D. Crabtree, BSED '63

1930s

John P. Haralambie, BSED '31, was honored by the Mahoning County and Ohio State Bar associations for 50 years of service as an attorney.

Robert C. Kinney, BSED '31, MA '35, received the Galbreath Award from the Hilliard Area Chamber of Commerce. He was honored for his outstanding service to his community. He is a member of Hilliard's Senior Hall of Fame.

Margaret M. Flory, AB '36, MA '38, of Brevard, N.C., was honored by the John Knox Center of International Studies in Geneva, Switzerland, where a conference hall was named after her. The Margaret Flory Conference Hall was dedicated in recognition of her life-long work in international studies.

Maxine Brunton Slavens, ELED '36, was named Woman of the Year by the Jackson County Republican Party.

Martha L. King, ELED '38, BSED '42, professor emerita of the Ohio State University College of Education, was inducted into the College of Education Hall of Fame for her contributions to education.

1940s

Dorothy L. Rowe, BSED '41, was featured in *Who's Who of Women*, fourth edition, *Who's Who of American Women*, 14th edition, and *Notable Americans*, third edition.

Robert C. Ellenwood, BSAGR '42, was honored by the Comprehensive Health Planning Association of Imperial, Riverside, and

San Diego counties (Calif.) for a noise ordinance he wrote. He now lives in Hilliard.

Judge Harold F. White, BSCOM '46, retired after serving 35 years as a federal bankruptcy judge in Akron.

Paul T. Farley, BSEE '49, retired as Ohio University's director of utilities management and director of energy management. He worked for Ohio University for more than 18 years.

James A. Gamellia, Sr., BSCOM '49, received the 1993 Distinguished Service Award from the Lorain County Association of Realtors for his lifetime achievements in the real estate industry.

Maxine Potter Smith, BFA '49, recently retired after teaching in the Madison Local School District in Mansfield since 1966.

1950s

Stanley L. Ginsberg, AA '51, is semi-retired and works part-time at U.S. Tool and Supply in Steubenville.

August Bud Reese, BSA '51, published *Welcome Englishmen!*, a book about the white man's theft of lands in Massachusetts, and was presented a Veteran Award by the Boy Scouts of America for 50 years of service. He retired in 1984 from the USDA Soil Conservation Service and lives in Englewood, N.M.

William R. Butler, BSED '50, MA '51, was awarded the James W. McLamore Outstanding Service Award for his 28 years of

service to the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla.

Michael Rousos, BSAE '51, has retired from The Collaborative Inc., a Toledo-based architectural firm.

Ross E. Duncan, AB '53, BSED '53, is with BDM International, Inc., as manager of training with the Saudi Arabian Air Force in Riyadh. He earned his MAE '72 and Ed.D. '77 from George Washington University.

Donna Poole Foebr, BSHEC '53, has published *Touchdown! A Guide to Understanding and Enjoying Football*, Franklin Press, Bloomfield Hills, Mich., 1993.

Joseph M. Denham, MS '56, PHD, '59, received the Turner Society Award from Hiram College upon his retirement after 35 years of teaching chemistry.

Carmen A. Frogale, BSCOM '57, was elected chairman of the Board of Trustees of Southern State Community College in Washington Court House.

Robert E. Matson, BSED '56, MED '57, director of leadership development at the University of Virginia's Center for Public Service, was awarded the International City/County Management Association's 1993 Sweeney Academic Award for his contributions to the education of those pursuing careers in local government.

William A. Phillips, BSCOM '57, chairman of the board of Mutual Federal Savings Bank in Zanesville, received the 1993 Bob and

Dolores Hope Good Samaritan Award for exceptional volunteer service to the community.

David W. Foote Sr., BSED '58, was named Businessman of the Year by the Madison-Perry Area Chamber of Commerce.

Al L. Bowan, BSED '58, was inducted into the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame. In his 31-year career, he was head basketball coach at Eastern High School in Pomeroy, Columbus Central and Walnut Ridge High School in Columbus.

George V. Voinovich, AB '58, LLD '81, governor of Ohio, was awarded an honorary doctor of public administration degree from the University of Findlay in recognition of his 30-year career in public service.

Donald W. Greenlee, BSIT '59, is co-founder and president of Circle Plastics in Circleville. The company manufactures plastic components for appliances, automobiles and a variety of household uses.

1960s

Sam Bates, BSED '60, retired from John Glenn High School after 17 years as athletic director.

Diane Mindall Shields, BA '61, is the owner/innkeeper at The Inn at Ludington, Mich., a bed and breakfast. She is part-time sports reporter for the *Ludington Daily News*.

C. Brent DeVore, BSJ '62, Otterbein College president, received Kent State's 1993 College of Education Outstanding Alumni Award in recogni-

tion of achievement in higher education.

Thomas L. Smudz, BSCOM '62, MBA '63, was appointed senior vice president and chief financial officer of Government Technology Services Inc., in Chantilly, Va. He oversees the company's accounting, treasury and financial systems. GTSI resells microcomputer and UNIX workstation hardware, software and networking products to the federal government market.

Ivan M. Tribe, BSED '62, MA '67, published *The Stonemans*, the story of an Appalachian family that formed an award-winning country music group. University of Illinois Press, 1993. Tribe is a history professor at the University of Rio Grande.

Gary R. Coll, BSJ '63, MS '65, received the Ripon (Wis.) College Athletic Booster Award. He is an associate professor of journalism at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Richard D. Crabtree, BSED '63, was promoted to senior vice president-state operations for Nationwide Insurance in Columbus. He oversees the company's field operations in several states.

Mel Harris, MA '65, PHD '71, is president of Sony Pictures Entertainment Television Group. He oversees Columbia Pictures Television, TriStar TV and Merv Griffin Enterprises.

Robert C. Hughes, BBA '65, was named vice

president of worldwide sales and services for Data General Corp. of Westboro, Mass.

Regis J. Korba, BARCH '65, of Portage Lakes, was named manager of architecture for Louis Perry & Associates Inc. in Wadsworth, an architectural and engineering firm specializing in commercial, institutional and industrial projects.

John A. Melvin, BA '66, is vice president and general manager of GRE Insurance Group in Cincinnati.

Jim Jordan, BSED '67, moved from Colorado last year to become principal of the new Wilmington Middle School in Wilmington.

Michael R. Becker, AB '68, joined the Columbus law office of Hahn Loeser-Parks as a tax and corporate law specialist. He lives in Upper Arlington.

Greg Cashman, BSED '68, MA '73, is associate professor of political science at Salisbury State University in Salisbury, Md., and recently published *What Causes War? An Introduction to Theories of International Conflict*, Lexington Books/Macmillan, 1993.

Don R. Graber, MBA '68, was promoted to corporation group vice president for Black & Decker Corp. in Towson, Md. He is president of the company's international group.

James M. McVicker, BBA '68, was named vice president and chief financial officer of

Changes in tax law improve charitable giving options

With the April 15 tax deadline upon us, it's not too early to consider how you can reduce your tax burden in 1994.

As mentioned previously in this space, the IRS Code was modified for the 1993 tax year. The Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1993 raised taxes for some Americans but also liberalized limitations on charitable income tax deductions for appreciated property.

A modification that was good news for charity was the removal of appreciated asset gifts as a preference item for the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT). Under the old law, a gift

of appreciated assets you held for more than one year could have triggered the AMT. Thus, your tax break for the charitable gift may have been drastically limited. Such limitations have now been removed.

Now that the tax laws have changed, many people have expressed an interest in planned giving. Planned giving is a way to maximize financial benefits to you and The Ohio University Foundation.

One type of planned gift — the life income gift — can provide financial security. There are four types of life income gifts: charitable gift annuity; charitable remainder unitrust; charitable remainder annuity trust; and pooled income fund.

Each of these gifts varies slightly in the benefits it provides and how it functions. But they all have the same basic traits: A donor of a

life income gift can receive an income tax deduction for the current value of the gift, a guaranteed income for life, and at least partial capital gain tax avoidance on gifts using appreciated property.

When income from the gift is no longer needed by the donors, the funds would then be used by The Ohio University Foundation, according to the donor's wishes. Scholarships, professorships and unrestricted funds may be established using life income gifts.

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Mel Harris, MA '65, Ph.D. '71

Mercantile Stores Co., a retail chain which includes McAlpin's department stores in Cincinnati.

Karen E. Schwartz, BSED '68, MA '69, was named vice president of network performance for Ameritech Co.'s consumer services unit.

J. Craig Strafford, BS '68, president of Holzer Clinic in Gallipolis, was elected vice chairman of the Ohio section of The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Tim Yovich, BSJ '68, a police reporter for the Youngstown Vindicator, received honorable mention in the feature writing category of the 1992 Associated Press Ohio awards contest.

Richard H. Brown, BSC '69, is president and CEO of Illinois Bell in Lake Forest, Ill.

Judith Slater Coil, BSED '69, MED '80, is the Washington Elementary School principal in Marietta.

Joseph R. Deluca, BSC '69, MED '85, is principal of Springboro Junior High School.

Pamela J. Fronko, BSJ '69, was appointed associate director of Sports Media Relations for Ohio University after four years as director of Third Century Campaign publicity.

Arthur W. Steller, BSED '69, MED '70, PhD '73, is the deputy superintendent of the Boston Public Schools.

1970's Steven Steinhuber, BSED '70, school and college counselor at Bay Village High School in Bay Village, has been elected president of the National Association of College Admission Counselors. His three-year term began Nov. 1.

Richard D. Adams, BSME '70, was named general manager-sales and marketing, automotive, North America for The Timken Company in Canton.

Jerry C. Begue, BSIT '70, was named director of hearings-Asia Pacific and Latin America for The Timken Company's North and South American Bearing Business Group.

Alice Woods Edwards, BFA '70, is a director of the Plains Conservation Center in Aurora, Colo., and serves on the Board of Directors of La Leche League International.

Jean Locey, MFA '70, a photographer and associate professor of art at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., was appointed chair of the school's Art Department for a three-year term.

Steve D. Iseman, BFA '70, was named visiting assistant professor of communication arts/public relations at Ohio National University.

C. Daniel DeLawder, BSED '71, was elected president of Park National Bank of Newark.

Kenneth C. Frisch, BFA '71, BSED '72, MFA '79, was promoted to associate vice president for



Michael R. Becker, AB '68

university relations at Bowling Green State University.

Cathy James Hart, BSJ '71, was promoted to manager of corporate communications for the Public Service Co. of Colorado in Denver. She is responsible for news media and employee communications, advertising, community relations and internal communications services.

Larry D. Lorentz, BSED '71, MED '77, was elected to the board of directors of Belpré First Federal Savings and Loan Association.

Jeffrey L. Reed, BSJ '71, MA '72, opened a public relations agency, Reed & Associates, in Bellevue.

Jeffrey K. Urban, AB '71, MA '73, president and chief executive officer of Bank One of Mansfield, is co-chair of The Ohio State University Mansfield Pooled for Advancement Campaign.

Col. Joseph G. Graf, BSIT '71, has assumed command of the Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth, Texas. The district's 1,200 employees design and supervise the construction of flood control, military and other federal agencies' projects.

Timothy L. Merrifield, BSJ '72, was named president of Cubison Co. in Youngstown. The company specializes in graphics products for decorative and product identification applications. He and his family live in Canfield.

Mary Jo Jakab Blazek, AB '73, was awarded tenure and promoted to associate



Jean Locey, MFA '70

professor of social services at the University of Maine in Augusta.

Jerry Blazek, AB '72, MA '77, is director of labor relations for the University of Southern Maine. They live in South Portland, Maine.

Janis Jones Tonnison, BSJ '73, has been designated an Accredited Business Communicator by the International Association of Business Communicators. San Francisco's The is director of communications at Internet Foundries, Inc. in Lynchburg, Va. She received the Professional Communicator of the Year Award from the Lynchburg chapter of IABC for her contributions to her company and profession.

Brett Goodson, BGS '73, was named partner in the Kimpel Willard Weinik & Gordon law firm in Cincinnati.

Richard Morgan, BGS '73, was selected executive director of the Ohio Children's Trust Fund in Columbus. The fund focuses on reducing child abuse and neglect.

John D. Nixon, BSC '73, was awarded the Outstanding Citizen Award by the Mount Vernon Jaycees for his contributions to the organization and community.

Nancy Peterman Doborne, BSED '73, a math instructor at Alaska Vocational Technical Center, was named the Alaska Adult Education Association's 1992 Educator of the Year.

Katherine Antonucci, BSED '74, heads the

Learning Advancement Center at Ohio University-Zanesville. The center provides help to students with difficulties in academic studies.

Jeffery J. Beams, AB '74, DO '88, is the medical director for the outpatient and partial hospitalization programs of Divine Medical Health Services in Williamsport, Pa., and is a member of the Crampian Health Services Physician Group.

John M. Camuso, BSED '74, is assistant principal for Hickory High School in Hermitage, Pa. He was formerly science curriculum specialist and assistant principal for Youngstown Public Schools, Youngstown.

Navy Cmdr. John Eckelberry, AB '74, assumed command of the guided missile frigate USS Ford homeported in Long Beach, Calif.

Mark A. Gibson, BGS '74, assistant Ohio secretary of state, was honored with Ohio University's Outstanding Political Science Alumni Award. The award is given annually to a former Ohio University student with an outstanding record of public service.

Robert E. Moran, Jr., BSJ '74, won third place for column writing in the Football Writers Association of America contest and was part of the first-place Mesa Tribune team in the sports non deadline category in the Arizona Associated Press Managing Editors awards contest.



Cathy James Hart, BSJ '71

Judith A. Beckman, MFA '75, is director of the Bunts Art Gallery at Franklin University in Columbus.

Renee C. Psiakis, BFA '75, MFA '81, is a photography instructor at Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland.

C. Scott Howard, BSED '76, MED '77, PhD '87, is superintendent of Perry schools in Cleveland.

Robert D. Patella, BBA '76, MBA '75, is the president and chief executive officer of Sunrise Bank for Savings in Cincinnati.

Raymond B. Scragg, BS '76, was promoted to vice president and compensation manager, personnel, of National City Bank, Chagrin Falls. He and his family live in Gates Mills.

Dan E. Parker, BSC '77, group sales representative, Group Business Division, Community Mutual Insurance Company in Cincinnati, earned the Golden Eagle Award from the 1993 Leading Producers Round Table of the National Association of Health Underwriters. He sold more than \$8.3 million in group health and disability insurance premiums in 1992. He and his family live in Anderson Township.

Kenneth J. Trout, BSED '77, is the supervisor of the city recreation department in Findlay.

Robert M. Bishop, BBA '77, is vice president-commercial banking for Society National Bank in Canfield.

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